



Monsignor Clair Catholic School Community Council
Monday April 15, 2024 6:30-8:00 p.m.
MINUTES



2023/24 COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS

- **Increasing the Knowledge, Skills & Confidence of our Children**
Focus: Literacy Development; Increasing Activity & Well-Being
- **Building the Monsignor Clair School Community.**
Focus: Engaging Families; Increasing & Sustaining Volunteers
- **Celebrating God's Family**
Focus: Giving Back to Our Community

1.0 REGULAR BUSINESS

ITEM #	TOPIC
1.1 Nikki/Kristin	Welcome, Attendance, Introductions, Opening Prayer and Intentions Attendance: Nicole Lauriault, Katie McLean, Jennifer St. Onge, Kevin Mackay, Kristin Drummond, Nicole Laframboise, Sandra Onwuka (arrived a little later)
1.2 Nikki/Kristin	Review current agenda & approve previous minutes Approved by Nicole Lauriault & Katie McLean
1.3 Nicole	Principal's Report Things happening.... - IExcel - board investing in math program for students grades 3-8 with tracking on individual students progress. - McLaren art classes booked May 21, 23, 24 - May 29 national accessibility week...having red shirt day on the wednesday of that week. Ms. St. Onge working on organizing something in the library - Hospitality Sunday....May 5 still looking for volunteers to help out and bake. Nicole Lauriault will help out and bake and some students for first communion. - Catholic education week activities described, including Tuesday's Rosary Celebration, - Will be participating in the Rosary campaign. On the Friday international festival of roses. An announcement went out that if anyone can read/speak in another language and would like to participate they can go to the office to sign up. - Spirit days during the week are going to be coming with weekdays spirit days - EQAO second week of May grade 3 next week grade 6. - We've moved the next Community Council Meeting to May 27 - Tuesday May 7 is the Wendy's fundraiser - Kindergarten open house on May 8 - 4:30 - 6:00. - Mass on May 10.
1.4 Nicole	Financial Report - Dance a thon raised \$3,181.80 expenses \$68.35 - McLaren arts price went up so we will need about \$400 more to cover the costs. - \$480 raised from the Barrie Colts game - We've sold some more chocolate bars and money has been submitted. - Leaves us at \$5,143.19 - mclaren arts will come out of this.

	- The money from the Colts game will go as a donation towards the grade 8 grad. We will top up the \$480 to \$750 (TBD) after the Wendy's night.
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2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

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2.1 Nikki	Valentine's Dance Fundraiser update -Raised \$3,181.80 with \$68.35 paid out for the prizes. Total - \$3,120.00
2.1 Jodi & Sandra	Check for updates - CPIC meeting with Sandra - February meeting, was centered about race/racism and how to talk to the kids about it. Key pointers were the fact that it's never too early to talk to children about it. Adults need to be cautious about what they are saying at home because children pick up on what we're saying. - Creating a safe place and share in your children's curiosity. - A question that was asked was "How do you define people of mixed race?" - people choose how they want to be identified. Respect what they say and be respectful of how we respond to that. - Conversation starters...start early and talk about it often. Have a panic button ex. okay let's talk about that, let's think about that (have to look into it). Explore into a solution and what they really mean. - Talk, talk, talk - Invest in it....get books, videos, information to help expose our children to race, culture, ethnicity. - Starting early teaches children to be accepted and shows inclusion. - CPIC meetings are in Dec, Feb, May - Look into Sandra sharing more on this for the Kindergarten open house as well as a full community evening in the fall....look into who held this meeting.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

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3.1 Nicole	Hospitality Sunday - volunteers - Nicole Laframboise & Nicolle Lauriault will both volunteer. - Put another email out about the volunteering and baking.
3.2 Nikki	Wendy's Fundraiser - Fundraiser is on May 7, 2024 - 4:00 - 7:00pm Drive thru and walk in at Bayfield location ONLY - Nicole will change the sign out front to promote this. - These funds will go towards the donation for the Grade 8 graduation.
3.2 Nicole	Review of Bylaws - Nicole to share the bylaw with the council to read further - We will get a formal volunteer list in the fall - Look into only doing 4 meaningful meetings a year to make it easier to get everyone to come out. - Above the 4 meetings we could have "committee meetings" to organize the events that are coming.

	- Find other ways to let people know when the events are happening other than email.....text, letters sent home, etc. - Committee to design a brochure to send home in June and September: Nikki, Kristin and Sandra - To help families understand what volunteer possibilities there are. - Start our elections with an open forum explaining what is involved within the council before having people volunteer not knowing what they are getting into. - First meeting - have coffee, tea and cookies meet and greet, elections and volunteer information night. Past members can talk about what councils are all about. It will help make people more comfortable knowing what they are going to get involved in. - NEXT YEAR send out a link with the bylaws instead of going through them in one of the meetings. - Look into how much the engraving is for the awards/trophy and base our donation on that... - Changed bylaw 19.1 to reflect the change in the donation to the Grade 8 grad. - Grade 4 bibles....get a stamp for a Monsignor Clair gift to you with a little letter from the council. - Certificate for first communion, confirmation or baptism. - At the recognition assembly make an announcement for anyone who has been baptized, had first communion or confirmation. - Send out a memo to parents to let the school know when they are having first communion, confirmation or being baptized. - Look into getting bibles in different languages. - Nicole Laframboise is going to look into the bibles. Amazon is \$6.61
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4.0 ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING & TOPICS

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4.1 Kristin/Nikki	Upcoming Meetings: May 6 at 6:30 pm in the MCL library - Changed to May 27 @ 6:30pm
4.2 Kristin/Nikki	Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjournment

Monsignor Clair Catholic School Community Council Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen

Lord God, we ask for the grace of your presence and the gift of your wisdom as we gather today in the service of the Monsignor Clair Catholic School community.

Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Send us your spirit to guide us so that we may work collaboratively and make us sensitive to each other's gifts, that we may enable each other to enrich our school community.

Impart Your supreme wisdom upon our activities, so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen

Closing Prayer

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen

Heavenly Father,

As we come to the end of our time together, we thank You for what has been accomplished here today.

May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward, that we may best serve our school community.

May we leave here recognizing You are the God of all wisdom and You are willing to lead us forward.

This we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen